

REMARKS

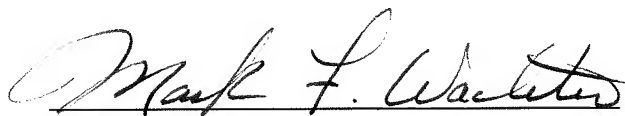
Claims 59, 73, 87 and 102, rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, have been canceled to place the application in better condition for appeal, by limiting the issues to be appealed.

The rejections of the remaining pending claims are traversed for the reasons previously argued by Applicants in the *Amendment and Response*, filed July 25, 2006, and the *Amendment*, filed January 11, 2007, each of which is incorporated herein by reference.

If any issue regarding the allowability of any of the pending claims in the present application could be readily resolved, or if other action could be taken to further advance this application such as an Examiner's amendment, or if the Examiner should have any questions regarding the present amendment, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner please telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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